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On this day, when thankfulness is in the hearts of all Americans who have anything to be thankful for, there should go up expressions of gratitude from those who love good government because President Cleve-land has done the righteous thing in removing Civil Service Commissioner George D. Johnston. There is no violation of confidence in the statement that Mr. Johnston is not nor has he ever been a believer in civil service reform. He is not in sympathy with the idea that business principles should be applied to the conduct of the government's cierical work. He would be nine cents per car-mile. Horse traction pleased to have the civil service commission (provided he was a commissioner) content itself with drawing its salary and making a perfunctory annual report while the spoilsmen attended to the distribution of Otis. Few surviving officers of the war the clerkships in the various departments. have records that surpass his while his ser-It is not surprising, therefore, that the commissioners disagreed as to the policy which should be pursued. The friction increased steadily and culminated when Commissioner Johnston declined to sign the commission's annual report and insisted on filing with the President his opinions as a minority. The President was not slow to see the danger and he gave Mr. Johnston ample opportunity to resign with the privilege of accepting an honorable position in the consular service; failure to resign brought about instant decapitation. It must please all Americans who favor an honest and business-like method of appointing to public places to know that President Cleveland has in this occurrence proved himself the steadfast and fearless friend of the cause of civil service reform.

If fair-minded Americans ever had any doubt as to the prejudiced incapacity of James H. Blount while he was acting as in Hawaii, that doubt will surely be remov- abundance of cooked goose at hand. ed by careful perusal of the statement given to the press by Ex-Minister John L. Stevens equitable mind can longer be misled either | watched with interest. by the ex-parte testimony gathered by the President's personal agent or by the hateham. There is every evidence of truthfulness in the aggressive defense to which Mr. Stevens has been compelled by his bitterly partisan critics and maligners. Occasionally Mr. Stevens deals in comments of a personal nature, but for this he has ample precedent and sufficient cause. He has been mistreated as no other representative of this or any other great government ever was, has been accused of conspiracy and of wilful deceit, and has responded to those grave charges with testimony that cannot be upset and argument of the incontrovertible sort. But the personal phase of the discussion, important as it must be to those whose reputations are at stake, is really of less moment than that to which Mr. Stevens directs attention when he says that "those familiar with international rules and proceedings, and have had diplomatic experience, must be astonished that Secretary Gresham and his commissioner should make before the world such a persistent effort to discredit the recent agents of the department they now represent, and which was once represented by Thomas Jefferson, Willlam L. Marcy, William H. Seward and James G. Blaine." Everybody who has an idea beyond ward politics will at once recognize the accuracy of Mr. Stevens' judgment in asserting that "the general adoption of such a policy by our Department of Foreign Affairs could not fail to weaken greatly our influence with foreign countries in any future effort and serve to make the American diplomatic service contemptible in the eyes of the world." Mr. Stevens very charitably makes allowance for Mr. Blount's ignorance of diplomatic matters, but the nation cannot easily excuse the engagement in so delicate a matter of incompetence and prejudice when judicial ability is

Pessimists and partisans-frequently synonymous terms-may intimate that as a nation we have but little to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day. It is undoubtedly true that there are many more unemployed men and women in this country now than there were last year or perhaps in any other year in all our history, but it takes more than a few months of commercial adversity to obliterate the feeling of gratitude which always makes itself manifest at this season. In no other land on the face of the globe is there more reason for thankfulness. Distrust, bad government, burdensome taxation, poverty and anarchy trouble the great nations of Europe; on this side of the Atlantic there is no such thing as unconquerable depression and no conditions that cannot soon be improved. Petty troubles may annoy for a time, and legislative errors cause temporary distress, but even now the clouds are vanishing and the briefly-obscured face of our industrial sun shines with warmth and light that increase daily. Nowhere is there a better country, nowhere a place where all classes and conditions of men have superior opportunities, nowhere a section of earth that has in it and on it so many desirable things. Therefore let everybody give thanks! The Wilson tariff bill is "sound and states

manlike," it "proposes to destroy our independence and leave us subject to . the chances and changes of foreign markets," and is "a sound protectionist document from one end to the other." Of course, these opinions are not from one source-they are the utterances of men, who, undoubtedly, represent many other men-but they show how widely bright minds may differ and how one man's meat is another man's

For the information of those whose financial enthusiasm will soon find vent in de manding of Congress license to operate overhead trolley cars in this city it is stated that success has attended the extensive experiments that have been made with storage battery cars on the Second avenue road in New York. These really satisfying efforts to make practical and commercially acceptable the ideal theory as to street car propulsion have attracted considerable attention and have, so the critics all say, demonstrated beyond a peradventure that the day of the crude and dangerous overhead system is rapidly nearing its close For years it has pleased the electrical expert to condemn off-hand the conclusions of every inventor who dared intimate that storage batteries could ever furnish the necessary power without excessively heavy batteries and proportionately heavy expense. Much of this denunciation had its origin in that professional jealousy which has hampered the world's progress to a considerable extent, some sprang from ignorance, but most of it came from those who were employed by the electrical "combines" to decry any kind of power or mechanical improvement that threatened to supersede the overhead trolley and thus render useless a good deal of special machinery and an expensive variety of patterns. But the world will move even when the big trolley syndicates do not want it to, so there have come, successively, the underground trolley and the storage battery. The former has gone far beyond the experimental stage, the adaptation of the idea having been uninterruptedly successful in the city of Buda-Pesth, while another and seemingly a better one works continuously on the U street | From the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette branch of our Rock Creek road. For several A public franchise is a private snap in years the Metropolitan Company here this town.

wrestled with all manner of storage batteries, but never finding precisely the right thing went out of the business of trying to find a substitute for horses. The Eckington Company also had some experiences with storage batteries, but that condemnation should have come was not strange when it is remembered that the original management did and the present proprietors do favor the obstructing pole and deadly wire system. The Engineering Magazineone of the leading trade journals, and therefore not overwarm in behalf of storage batteries as applied to street car movement -says of the Second avenue tests that the work is being carried on in the most thorare being taken to determine what is in fact the vital point of the whole problem, viz., the actual cost of operation. "The question," says Mr. Franklin L. Pope, who conducts the electricity department of the magazine, "is no longer merely one of practicability, for it is admitted that on lines with moderate grades, not too much obstructed with snow in winter, storage battery traction may be depended upon to perform the service required." The cost of power on the Second avenue line, including everything properly belonging under that head, is discovered to be but a fraction over cost from ten to eleven cents per car-mile.

President Cleveland did not err when he made a brigadier general of Col. Elwell S. vices since the close of the rebellion have been continuously valuable. The appointment is good in every sense and most creditable to the appointing power.

The Emperor William's theory that the recent distribution of infernal machines was the work of a mad woman indicates a vein of charity in his nature that is creditable, if it is not misplaced.

It is perhaps just as well for the members of Congress and the President that they are able to present their thanks this week instead of next.

One of the unkindest cuts that has been given Mr. Blount is the insinuation that he has been guilty of an amateur performance in diplomacy.

If the Hawaiian monarchy does not care President Cleveland's Minister-Paramount for turkey, there would appear to be an

The effect of the proposed changes in the and published in this issue of The Star. No sugar tariff upon the sand market will be

It is understood that there is some idea engendered cophistries of Secretary Gres- of stuffing the tariff turkey with oratorical

> Hard times stepped out of the field just in time to make room for the Thanksgiving turkey.

> > SHOOTING STARS.

Feminine Headgear. Oh, Lili, Sandwich Island queen,

Excuse us if we state One thing which you, we think, should know-Your crown is not on straight.

A Slight Confusion. She tripped down the stair and answered

the postman's knock, for she was expecting letters far too precious to be entrusted to footman or maid. "What have we here?" she inquired smil-

irgly, as she took the missives; "Billets "Not exactly, miss," replied the new letter carrier with a blush, "my name's Bill

Dooley."

A Natural Error.

"And what is that a photograph of?" she asked of the young man who was exhibiting his collection of instantaneous pictures. "Of a foot ball game." "Dear, me! I thought it was of a lot of musicians having a quarrel."

"De bes' kin' ob thanks," said Uncle Eben, who always nas a sermon ready, "is not whut yoh gibs yerself, but whut yer pervides an' excuse fur fum others."

Blase. "Where ye goin'," said one small boy to

"Ter the foot ball game." "So'm I. My big brother's goin' ter take

"Humph. My big brother wouldn't go t foot ball game." "Wouldn't-go-to-a-foot-ball-game!" "Naw. My brother was in the war. He's seen reg'lar batties, he has."

Jealous of the Canary. A lonely turkey, trembling sang "Oh what a lovely thing My lot would be, if 'twere to sit Inside a cage, and sing."

A Sad Preponderance.

He had just called at the residences of four young women, and every one had been "not at home." "You musn't get discouraged," said the friend in whom he was confiding. "You'll get on in time. Like everything else society has its ins and outs." " Maybe it has. But I'm blest if I wouldn't

The Holiday Market. "Lemme sell yoh sumpin', lady. Got de fines' turkeys here An' de nices' sweet pertaters Dat yoh eber yit come near! Yoh wants ter know whut dat is Hangin' up dar on de nail? Bless yer lady, dat's er 'possum-But de 'possum ain' fur sale.

'outs" for a change."

Yoh kin buy de fines' poultry Dat we raises on de fa'hm. Er I'll choose yoh out a rabbit Wif a foot dat has de cha'hm Yoh kin take yer pick; I'll promise Dat de quality won't fail, But-I hates ter disapp'int yer-Dat 'ar 'possum ain' fur sale.

She Has Trouble Enough. From the Chicago Herald.

The hostility of the people of Chicago to the trolley system cannot be mitigated by any plea which the street car corporations may make. The experience of other cities is before them and they will not agree that the street car companies shall place on the street car companies shall place on their tracks a system of car propulsion so full of danger. The casualties from the cables, from the surface steam railway tracks, and even from the slow-moving horse cars on crowded corners are so numerous and terrible that a new and more prolific source of danger will not be tolerated.

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Mr. Van Alen Heard From. From the New York Tribune.

The temporary disappearance of the \$50. on appointee in the mountain fastnesses of New England is now officially explained to be due to a desire on his part to provide his future establishment in Rome with American horses, and none but Vermont torses would do.

Coy. From the Chicago Evening Post.

Great Britain offers to King Lo Bengula renewed assurances of her distinguished consideration But King Lo. remembering the fate of Cetewayo and Arabi Pasha, re-fuses to come and get them.

A General Discouragement. From the Omaha Rec.

Jerry Simpson goes back to Washington discouraged at the action of the people of Kansas in the recent election. Jerry's con-stituents remain in Kansas discouraged at their representative's antics in Congress.

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